

polyethylene laminated paper having a translucency of at least 80% (column 4, line 65 of reference) measured by employing a method specified in JIS-P-8138.

The applicants note that as would be understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art, the “translucency” property, specified in Ohbayashi means “a degree of opacity” which is the same property of “opacity” used in referring to the presently claimed invention. A copy of JIS-P-8138 in English is attached to this Response for the Examiner’s consideration as a technical reference and listed on PTO Form 1449 to that effect. Please observe that the title of JIS-P-8138 is “Testing Method for Opacity of Paper.”

Moreover, the applicants have reviewed the description of the Japanese priority application (JP 11-105318) claimed in Ohbayashi and confirmed that the corresponding portion of the Japanese priority application at column 4, lines 65-67 thereof clearly described as “(4) Opacity: 80% or more, particularly preferably 85 to 98% when measured by the method regulated in JIS-P-8138.”

Further, a person of ordinary skill in the art would know with reference to Ohbayashi, that the usual paper never has a transparency of 80% or more. The description of Ohbayashi is to show that the resin coated paper has opacity of preferably 80% or more (to avoid the phenomenon that an image can be seen as transparent or watermark). This is quite the opposite description to that of the presently claimed invention because Ohbayashi preferably has an opacity of 80% or more while in the present invention, opacity is 60% or less, both of which are measured by the same method, “JIS-P-8138” and thus they are comparable values.

Thus, in view of the foregoing discussion and particularly, the attached copy of JIS P-8138, Ohbayashi et al. never discloses a paper support having transparency of 80% or more. Ohbayashi et al. should accordingly be withdrawn.

The applicants submit that the teachings of Ohbayashi et al. do not remedy the deficiencies of Anderson et al. Accordingly, the applicants assert that the presently claimed invention is fully allowable under 35 USC 103(a) in view of the cited prior art.

In view of the above and the attached copy of JIS P-8138, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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